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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE BOARD

## Annotations to the provisional agenda

## Addendum

Item 6 PREPARATIONS FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

At the second part of its thirty-seventh session the Board, in its resolution 391 (XXXVII), of 22 March 1991, welcomed with deep appreciation the offer made by the Government of Colombia, in the light of which it agreed that the Conference should take place at Cartagena de Indias from 8 to 25 February 1992, preceded by a two-day Senior Officials Meeting on 6 and 7 February 1992.

These arrangements were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution convening the Conference (resolution 45/261, of 3 May 1991).

Also in resolution 45/261, the General Assembly took note with appreciation of the arrangements for the preparatory process for the Conference, which had been endorsed by the Board at the second part of its thirty-seventh session. The arrangements included provision for the seventeenth special session of the Board to be held in two parts and for an ad hoc preparatory mechanism (or mechanisms) to meet intermittently between the first and second parts of the special session.

The scheduling of the special session, and the functioning of the ad hoc mechanism(s), have been the subject of on-going informal consultations. The Board may wish to continue consultations in an informal context, with a view to finalizing the necessary decisions on these matters during the course of the first part of its thirty-eighth session.

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Item 7 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE BOARD ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY AND OTHER BODIES

Item 7 (a) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget

At its twentieth session (16 to 19 April 1991), the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget reviewed the secretariat's proposals for the UNCTAD work programme for 1992-1993, in the context of the preparation of Section 15 (UNCTAD) of the proposed United Nations programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The report on the session will be before the Board.

Attention is drawn to Annex I, containing the Agreed Conclusions adopted by the Working Party at the close of the session.

The provisional agenda for the twenty-first session is contained in Annex II.

The Board may wish to take note of the report of the Working Party on its twentieth session and to endorse the Agreed Conclusions annexed thereto.

Documentation

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| TD/B/1295-<br>TD/B/WP/73 | Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its twentieth session |

Item 7 (b) Report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology

The report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its eighth session (22 to 30 April 1991) will be before the Board.

Attention is drawn to Annex I, containing resolution 33 (VIII) on "Transfer and development of Technology" by which inter alia the Committee set forth its future work in this field.

The Board may wish to take note of the report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its eighth session, and to endorse the provisions of resolution 33 (VIII) annexed thereto.

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| TD/B/1298-<br>TD/B/C.6/157 | Report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its eighth session |

Item 7 (c) Report of the Special Committee on Preferences

The Special Committee on Preferences held its eighteenth session from 10 to 17 May 1991. The report on the session will be before the Board.

The Committee adopted resolution 13 (XVIII) on items 3, 4 and 5 of the agenda (Review of the implementation, maintenance, improvement and utilization of the Generalized System of Preferences; Consultations on harmonization and improvement of the Rules of Origin; and Technical assistance in connection with the Generalized System of Preferences); and Decision 14 (XVIII) on Technical modifications to Forms A, B and APR for the GSP. The resolution and decision are reproduced in Annex I.

Annex II contains the provisional agenda which the Committee approved for its nineteenth session.

The Board may wish to take note of the Committee's report on its eighteenth session and to endorse the provisions of resolution 13 (XVIII) and decision 14 (XVIII) annexed thereto.

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| TD/B/1297<br>TD/B/C.5/140 | Report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its eighteenth session |

Item 7 (d) Report of the Ad Hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite

The Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite, held from 13 to 17 May 1991, was convened by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in accordance with pragraph 77 of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII.

Attention is drawn to Annex I to the report, containing the decision on follow-up action, which the Review Meeting adopted at its closing meeting.

By that decision, the Review Meeting decided to recommend that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD convene a second Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite as soon as possible after UNCTAD VIII, and agreed on the provisional agenda for the proposed meeting.

The Board's approval of the decision is required in order to include a second Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite in the calendar of meetings.

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| TD/B/1296<br>TD/B/C.1/318<br>TD/B/C.1/RM/Bauxite 4 | Report of the Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite |

Item 9 INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

Item 9 (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

On 17 September 1991, the General Assembly admitted seven States to membership in the United Nations. Two of these States (the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea) are already members of UNCTAD. The other five new members are:

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| Federated States of Micronesia | (Resolution 46/2) |
| Republic of the Marshall Islands | (Resolution 46/3) |
| Republic of Estonia | (Resolution 46/4) |
| Republic of Latvia | (Resolution 46/5) |
| Republic of Lithuania | (Resolution 46/6) |

Under the provisions of Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), these States automatically also become members of UNCTAD, thus bringing the membership of UNCTAD to 171.

Also in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) (Section II, paragraph 6), the lists of States for purposes of elections, contained in the annex to that resolution, shall be reviewed periodically by the Conference in the light of changes in membership of the Conference, and other factors.

Item 9 (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has received a communication from the Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Dominica in Geneva, indicating that his Government wishes to apply for membership of the Committee on Shipping; the Committee on Transfer of Technology; and the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries.

A communication has also been received from the Ambassador of the Republic of Gabon, indicating that his Government wishes to become a member of the Committee on Transfer of Technology.

With Dominica and Gabon elected to membership of the respective Committees, the revised membership of the Board and its main Committees would be: Trade and Development Board - 130; Committee on Commodities - 106; Committee on Manufactures - 100; Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade - 102; Committee on Shipping - 103; Committee on Transfer of Technology - 100; Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries - 110.

Item 9 (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

There will be no applications before the Board at the first part of its thirty-eighth session.

Item 9 (e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board will be invited to consider applications from theree non-governmental organizations.

In accordance with the provisions of rule 77, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will consult the Bureau of the Board and will subsequently submit the Bureau's recommendations to the Board.

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| TD/B/R.61 | Note by the UNCTAD secretariat |
| TD/B/R.61/Add.1 | Application by the International Express Carriers Conference (IECC) |
| TD/B/R.61/Add.2 | Application by the Liaison Committee of Development Non-governmental Organizations to the European Communities |
| TD/B/R.61/Add.3 | Application by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers |

Item 10 OTHER BUSINESS

Draft convention on maritime liens and mortgages

At its sixth session (25 to 29 September 1989), the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and Related Subjects adopted its final report (TD/B/C.4/327-TD/B/C.4/AC.8/27), the annex to which contained draft articles for a convention on maritime liens and mortgages.

Having considered that report, the Committee on Shipping, in its resolution 66 (XIV) of 19 June 1990, recommended that, in consultation with IMO, the Trade and Development Board recommend to the General Assembly that it convene, within existing resources, a conference of plenipotentiaries for the consideration and adoption of the draft convention, as contained in the Final Report of the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts. The resolution has now also been endorsed by the appropriate IMO bodies.

The Board may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it convene the proposed conference of plenipotentiaries, in Geneva during the first half of 1993.

Documentation

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| TD/B/L.920 | Draft convention on maritime liens and mortgages |

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# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

## Organization of the work of the session

1. The annotated provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-eighth session of the Board is contained in TD/B/1299 and Add.1.

## Pre-session consultations

2. The Board's attention is drawn to paragraphs 20 and 21 of the report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the In-Depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields (TD/B/1154), which read:

> "20. During the week preceding a session of the Trade and Development Board or of a main Committee, informal pre-sessional consultations should be held between representatives of interested member States and regional co-ordinators on organizational matters and, when appropriate, on substantive issues; this period could also be used by groups for internal substantive preparations. The President or President-designate in the case of the Board, and the outgoing Chairman in the case of a main Committee, should be associated with these consultations.
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> "21. The informal briefing meetings of the secretariat with representatives of interested member States and regional co-ordinators to provide information on the issues to be dealt with, should be held two weeks before the commencement of a session of the Trade and Development Board or of a main Committee."

As the Ministerial Meeting of African States in preparation for UNCTAD VIII was scheduled to take place in Lusaka from 13 to 20 September and many African delegations would be away from Geneva during that period, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with regional co-ordinators, decided that the pre-sessional consultations referred to in paragraph 20 above should be held on the morning of 23 September, instead of the week preceding the Board session.

Duration of the session

3. The session will open at 3 p.m. on Monday, 23 September 1991, in Room XX at the Palais des Nations. It is scheduled to close on Friday, 4 October.

Conduct of meetings

4. In connection with the conduct of meetings, attention is drawn to the report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group (TD/B/1154), in particular the paragraphs relating to the methods of work of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD (paragraphs 23-27).

Control and limitation of documentation

5. The most recent directives concerning control and limitation of documentation are contained in the note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations (A/INF.46/1). Copies may be obtained on request from the Documents Distribution Counter at Door 40.

Informal consultations on interdependence

6. As was the case at the first part of the thirty-sixth and the thirty-seventh sessions of the Board, provision has been made for informal, off-the-record discussions on interdependence to take place at the beginning of the session, just prior to the opening of the general debate. In this connection, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD has arranged for the participation of a small number of experts from capitals, senior officials from the IMF, the World Bank, GATT and other intergovernmental bodies, as well as the secretariat.

7. It will be recalled that paragraph 155 of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII called for the Board to consider how best to strengthen its regular review of the interdependence of economic issues. The informal consultations were initiated as part of the follow-up to that directive - the main objective being to select major issues which need to be addressed in the general debate and thus sharpen the focus of the debate.

8. The discusssions will be held on Tuesday 24 September in two parts: the first, commencing at 10 a.m. and the second, at approximately 4 p.m. (immediately following a short plenary meeting). The general debate on items 2 and 3 will open on Wednesday, 25 September.

Establishment of Sessional Committees and allocation of items

9. The Board may wish to establish:

Sessional Committee I
for the consideration of items 4 and 5:

Sessional Committee II
for the consideration of items 8(a) and 8(b).

Plenary

10. All items not allocated to either of the Sessional Committees will be considered in Plenary. All resolutions, decisions or conclusions agreed by the Sessional Committees will also be referred to Plenary for adoption.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD's suggestions for the allocation of items are contained in Annex I to the present document.

Debate on items 2 and 3

11. Emphasis is placed on the recommendations contained in paragraph 26 of the report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group (TD/B/1154) that every effort should be made to observe a time-limit of ten minutes for statements.

Speakers list

12. The Board might wish to decide that the list of speakers in the debate on items 2 and 3 should be closed at 6 p.m. on Thursday 26 September. Inscriptions may be made in advance of the session by contacting Mr. Karma Tenzing, Room 8091, Extn. 5636 or 5637.

Tentative timetable of meetings

13. The tentative timetable contained in Annex II to the present document is based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours, Monday to Friday, when services are available for up to three simultaneous meetings.

# Annex I

## Allocation of items

| PLENARY | |
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| 1 | Procedural matters |
| 2 | Interdependence |
| 3 | Debt |
| 6 | UNCTAD VIII |
| 7 | Committee reports |
| 8(c) | JAG report |
| 8(d) | UNCITRAL report |
| 9 | Institutional and organizational matters |
| 10 | Other business |
| 11 | Adoption of the report of the Board |
| | Report of Sessional Committee I |
| | Report of Sessional Committee II |

| SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I | |
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| Election of Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur | |
| 4 | Sustainable development |
| 5 | Assistance to Palestinian people |

| SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II | |
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| Election of Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur | |
| 8(a) | ECDC |
| 8(b) | Land-locked developing countries |

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Annex II
Tentative timetable of meetings
First week (23 - 27 September 1991)

| MONDAY 23rd | TUESDAY 24th | WEDNESDAY 25th | THURSDAY 26th | FRIDAY 27th |
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| 10 a.m.<br>Informal pre-sessional Consultations | 10 a.m.<br>Informal Consultations on interdependence | Group meetings<br><br>12 noon<br>BUREAU<br>(NGOs) | Group meetings | Group meetings |
| 3 p.m.<br>Opening of the session<br>1(a) Election officers<br>1(b) Adoption agenda and org. of work<br>9(a) New SMs<br>9(b) Board/Committee memberships<br>Statement SG/UNCTAD<br>Any other general statements<br><br>Sessional Committee I<br>Election of Chairman<br><br>Sessional Committee II<br>Election of Chairman | 3 p.m. PLENARY<br>8(c) JAG<br>8(d) UNCITRAL<br><br>followed by informal consultations on interdependence | 3 p.m. PLENARY<br>7 Committee reports (Working Party Technology Preferences Bauxite)<br><br>Commencement of general debate on items 2 and 3 | 3 p.m. PLENARY<br>9(d) IGOs<br>9(e) NGOs<br>Continuation of general debate on items 2 and 3<br>Closure of list of speakers in general debate<br><br>Sessional Committee I<br>Election V-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur<br>Organization of work<br><br>4 Sustainable devp.<br><br>Sessional Committee II<br>Election V-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur<br>Organization of work<br>8(a) ECDC | 3 p.m. PLENARY<br>Continuation of general debate on items 2 and 3<br><br>Sessional Committee I<br>4 Sustainable develp. (cont'd)<br>5 Assistance to Palestinian people<br><br>Sessional Committee II<br>8(a) ECDC (cont'd)<br>8(b) Land-locked |

Second week
(30 September - 4 October 1991)

| MONDAY 30th | TUESDAY 1st | WEDNESDAY 2nd | THURSDAY 3rd | FRIDAY 4th |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group meetings | Group meetings | Group meetings | Group meetings | Group meetings |
| 3 p.m. PLENARY<br>Continuation of general debate on items 2 and 3<br>Closure of general debate on items 2 and 3<br><br>6 UNCTAD VIII<br><br>Sessional Committee I<br>5 Assistance to Palestinian people (cont'd)<br>Completion of business<br><br>Sessional Committee II<br>8(b) Land-locked (cont'd)<br>Completion of business | 3 p.m. PLENARY<br>9(c) Working Party membership<br>10 Other business<br>6 UNCTAD VIII (cont'd) | 3 p.m. BUREAU<br>(Credentials) | Sessional Committee I<br>Adoption of report<br><br>Sessional Committee II<br>Adoption of report | PLENARY<br>1(c) Credentials<br>Report of SC.I<br>Report of SC.II<br>Draft texts emanating from Sess. Cttees<br>1(d) Prov. agenda for TDB 38/II<br>6 UNCTAD VIII<br>9(f) Calendar<br>9(g) Fin. imps.<br>11 Adoption of the report of the Board |